

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is ~~force-fed~~ compressed and having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion, wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not set on a single plane;

said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which links said flat surface with said base surface; and

an outer edge of said flat surface does not have a shape similar to the shape of said inner edge.

13. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 12, disposed between a cylinder block and a valve plate, wherein:

an inner edge of said flat surface of said raised portion surrounding a cylinder formed at said cylinder block is not circular.

14. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 12, wherein:

said outer edge of said flat surface in the entirety thereof comes in contact with an intake valve and only a specific portion of said inner edge comes in contact with said intake valve.

15. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 14, wherein:

said specific portion corresponds to a connecting base portion of a lead portion of said intake valve.

16. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is ~~force-fed~~compressed, having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion and disposed between a valve plate and a cylinder head, wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are not positioned on a single plane; and

said raised portion is disposed so as to seal at least a high/low pressure barrier wall and an atmospheric pressure barrier wall,

said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which links said flat surface with said base surface;  
and

an outer edge of said flat surface does not have a shape similar to the shape of said inner edge.

17. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 16, wherein:

said inclined surface is disposed so as to come in contact with said high/low pressure barrier wall or said atmospheric pressure barrier wall.

18. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 16, wherein:

a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.

19. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 17, wherein:

a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.

20. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 12, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

21. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 13, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

22. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 14, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

23. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 15, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

24. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 16, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

25. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 17, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

26. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 18, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.

27. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 19, wherein:

in said compressor, carbon dioxide is ~~force-fed~~compressed.